

COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL
Fort Rucker, Alabama

The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on 5 May 2011 at the Fort Rucker Landing. It was the 268th regularly scheduled meeting since the Council was established in 1973.

1. Members present/absent and advisors present were:

MEMBERS (Army Retiree, except as indicated)

PRESENT

BG Doug Smith
CW4 Bob Cooper
Ms. Marie Wilkins

CSM Gene Nelson
CSM James Harris
SMSGT Jean Woodruff
1SG Jack Kehler
SFC Bernett Jergenson

MEMBERS ABSENT

COL Bob Bunting
COL Earl Hyers
LTC Ray Collins

1SG Ken Prier
SFC Ralph Reed
SFC Ricky Jones
TSGT Bill Bieber

ADVISORS PRESENT

COL Patrick Denman, LAHC CDR
Mr. Jim Hughes, PAO
Mr. Tim Laster, DFMWR

CSM Dwaine Walters, GAR CSM
Mr. Chris Moore, RSO
Mr. Joe Escobar, AAFES

2. CSM Nelson called the meeting to order at 1130, and opened with a prayer.
3. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.
4. Old Business. None
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Public Affairs - CSM Nelson reported about a briefing given to the Ozark Military Affairs Committee by LTC Valentine, Deputy Commandant of the local ARNG. The briefing outlined the new and expanded structure and mission of today's ARNG and highlighted the operational effectiveness of all its missions due to expanded training, new equipment, and closer alignment with the active force.

b. Legislative affairs. No report

c. Health Care. CSM Harris reported on a chart reflecting satisfaction with the health care system. He reported the current status of 93.6% satisfaction of the satisfaction goal of 95%. He stressed that if anyone was not satisfied with the service they received, for them to make a report to allow Lyster staff the opportunity to assess the situation and take appropriate actions. The return of completed surveys ultimately leads to additional disposable income for in-house improvements beyond its stated budget. It was further stated how much we appreciated the quick and thorough response give through email by COL Denman concerning a pharmacy complaint. Comments were also directed at the importance of fully using the mail order pharmacy and the activation of an internal TV channel at the clinic.

d. Community activity. CSM Walters reported on Force Protection increases around the installation, and stated that they would continue for an indefinite period. He also reported that the Wiregrass SGM Assn would host a bowling tournament on 13 May 2011.

e. Commissary. No report

f. Retiree Volunteer Support. No Report

g. Golf Course. CW4 Cooper discussed on-going activities at the golf course. There would be a 4-person scramble on 20 May 2011. He further reported that good briefings were given at the recent Chief of Staff of the Army Retiree Council and that a complete report of the meeting would be coming out. Mr. Cooper informed the council of an upcoming 100K ride sponsored by the Wiregrass Lions Club to assist Wounded Warriors.

h. AAFES. Mr. Escobar discussed an upcoming tent sale at the Class VI, and that a STAR card promotion was scheduled from 27 to 30 May at the Post Service Station. Additional reports included a toy clearance sale and the possibility of a fashion show similar to one recently at Eglin AFB.

i. Equestrian Center. No report.

j. Outdoor Recreation. SFC Jergenson reported that things were quiet with no bad incidents to report. Hog hunting is coming up 1 May to 30 Sep. He was happy to report there were no pigs on the golf course. He expressed his concern for the safety of persons using Hwy 27 for running and cycling.

k. Bowling Alley. SMS Woodruff reported that summer leagues were getting started and suggested that the Retiree Council might discuss a program to stimulate interest in the bowling alley. She stated she would check with the bowling alley to get some additional ideas of how we might be able to help.

l. RAD. Nothing new to report at this time.

6. Advisors' Comments. Mr. Laster reported that there would be free bowling during May at

selected times. He also reported on Lakefest, scheduled for May 28. Activities would include live music and a car show in addition to lake activities. The fest is scheduled from 1200 to 1600 and will mark the official opening of the lake swim season.

7. New Business. 1SG Jack Kehler reported that the number to get your cell phone on the "No call list" for telemarketers was 888-382-1222.

8. The meeting adjourned at 1230. The next meeting will be 2 June 2011 at The Landing.

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